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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S VISIT TO US CON-
TINUED TO GET BROAD COVERAGE IN JULY 13 GERMAN PRESS.
EMPHASIS IS ON US WISH THAT BONN TAKE LEAD IN URGING
POSITIVE EUROPEAN ECHO TO AMERICAN "YEAR OF EUROPE"
INITIATIVE AND CONTINUED GERMAN CONCERN OVER US/SOVIET
NUCLEAR PACT AND FUTURE US DEFENSE POLICY. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE LEAD STORY AND DIE WELT
EDITORIAL (BY BERNT CONRAD) SAID USG HOPES BONN WILL
"PLAY MEDIATOR ROLE" WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES ON DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES IN VIEW OF PERSISTING NEGATIVE FRENCH
APPROACH VOICED DURING JUNE 29 JOBERT VISIT TO SAN
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CLEMENTE. FAZ REPORTS "KEEN WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION...AS COUNTERPART TO US/
SOVIET DECLARATION, SINCE WHITE HOUSE TAKES THE VIEW
THAT ITS MILITARY AND STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS CONCERN-
ING NATO CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY IF POLITICAL CONCEPT
FOR EUROPE IS SUCCESSFUL."

2. ON THE SECURITY SIDE, THE GERMAN PRESS REPORTED THAT
SCHEEL RECEIVED RENEWED AND "EMPHATIC" ASSURANCES CON-
CERNING AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR; THE
PAPERS ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE STRONG WARNINGS
AGAINST UNILATERAL US TROOP REDUCTIONS VOICED BY SECRE-
TARIES SCHLESINGER AND RUSH AND BY ADMIRAL MOORER AND
BY GENERAL GOODPASTER. BUT SEVERAL PAPERS RENEWED
COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE PRIOR US CONSULTATIONS, AND
THE MUENCHNER MERKUR AND DIE WELT STRESSED THE NEED OF
EUROPE TO SPEAK ASAP WITH ONE VOICE; CONRAD, IN DIE WELT,
ADDED HIS VIEW THAT INCREASINGLY POWERFUL CONGRESSIONAL
PRESSURES IN TANDEM WITH "CHANGING USG STRATEGIC CON-
CEPT" PRESAGE CUTBACK IN US TROOP STRENGTH IN EUROPE.

3. FRITZ VON GLOBIG, IN THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG, ALSO
TIED SCHEEL'S "LIGHTNING TRIP" DIRECTLY TO THE US/
SOVIET ATOMIC AGREEMENT. WHILE NOTING THAT SCHEEL AND
LEBER HAVE VOICED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN US PLEDGES TO
RETAIN FLEXIBLE RESPONSE STRATEGY, GLOBIG OBSERVES THAT
"A SEGMENT OF THE GERMAN PUBLIC HAS VOICED CONSIDERABLE
CONCERN." GLOBIG CONCLUDES: "IT IS GOOD THAT BEFORE
ADDITIONAL MISTRUST POISONS GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS,
THE FOREIGN MINISTER SEEKS FULL CLARIFICATION OF A
MATTER WHICH IS OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE FOR OUR SECURITY.
SCHEEL CAN BEST DO SO IN TALKS WITH NIXON AND KISSINGER
...WE HOPE HE WILL RETURN TO BONN WITH GUARANTEES THAT
DISPEL ALL DOUBT ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE."

4. FINALLY, FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU JOINED THE LIST OF
GERMAN PAPERS REPORTING STRONG FRG OPPOSITION TO FRANCO-
BRITISH NUCLEAR COOPERATION. ERICH HAUSER WROTE FROM
BRUSSELS: "...THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD LONDON
IT WILL NOT APPROVE OF A POOLING OF BRITISH AND FRENCH
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NUCLEAR POTENTIALS BEFORE A EUROPEAN UNION HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED. APPARENTLY SCHEEL PREVAILED UPON BRANDT
TO TAKE THIS STAND. IN OTHER WORDS A WEST EUROPEAN
NUCLEAR FORCE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG ONLY IF IT
CAN EXERT SOME INFLUENCE ON IT AND ON ITS USE. BONN
DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE WASHINGTON A PRETEXT FOR WITH-
DRAWING ITS SECURITY GUARANTEE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
APPARENTLY CONSIDERS THE U.S.-SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCORD A

BETTER PROTECTION--ALSO AGAINST CONVENTIONAL WAR IN
EUROPE--THAN AN ANGLO-FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCE...."
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